GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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STRANDED OIL SHIP IN NHAVA SHEVA PORT IN MUMBAI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether about 2,385 tonnes of waste oil in 133 containers, containing polychlorinated biphenyls is lying in Mumbai`s Nhava Sheva Port and another 209 containers arrived in 2000;

(b) if so, whether recently the Supreme Court had ordered the incineration of this massive toxic pile;

(c) if so, whether only about 40% of this lot has been disposed of; and

(d) if so, the steps the Government proposes to take to contain the fallout from this toxic waste?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORSTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) About 2,385 tonnes of waste oil in 133 containers arrived in Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) during the year 2000 and another 209 containers arrived in the Port during 1992 to 2002.

(b) The Hon`ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No.657 of 1995 had directed on 5th January, 2005 to destruct the waste oil from the 133 containers through incineration under the supervision of the Monitoring Committee constituted by the Court. In respect of the 209 containers, the Supreme Court Monitoring Committee has submitted details of the containers to the Hon`ble Supreme Court seeking further directions in the matter.

(c)&(d); As per the orders of the Hon`ble Supreme Court, the process of dispatch of all the 133 containers containing waste oil to M/s Mumbai Waste Management Ltd., Taloja for incineration was completed before 31.12.2005. So far 65% of the waste oil from the 133 containers has been incinerated at the Treatment, Storage & Disposal Facility (TSDF) of M/s Mumbai Waste Management Ltd.,Taloja. In respect of the 209 containers, the matter is before the Hon`ble Supreme Court for further directions.